Speakers

Caroline Holmes lectures regularly for the University of Cambridge, NADFAS, the Royal Horticultural Society, the Landmark Trust, and internationally especially in France. She is a garden historian, consultant and author of 11 books including *Impressionists in their Gardens* and *Follies of Europe*. She co-presented 'Glorious Gardens' on Anglia TV and has presented several series for BBC Radio 4.

Steffie Shields is a professional garden photographer, writer and historic landscape consultant. Now a Vice-President of The Gardens Trust, she is currently organising a London photography exhibition to convey Brown's genius to a wider audience. Her book *Moving Heaven and Earth: Capability Brown's Gift of Landscape* is to be published by Unicorn Press in May 2016.

Dr Twigs Way is a freelance garden historian, author, researcher and lecturer. She has worked extensively on sites designed by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown undertaking both historical research and forward-looking management plans. Twigs is currently Vice-Chairman of the Cambridgeshire Gardens Trust and has a special interest in historic designed landscapes of the East Anglian region.

Richard Gant is the Head Gardener at Madingley Hall, where he has worked since 1988. He trained at Writtle College, Chelmsford and the University of Cambridge Botanic Garden. He subsequently studied with the Open University Management Programme and gained a Certificate in Garden History from the University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education.

Sarah Spooner is a lecturer in landscape history at the University of East Anglia. Her research covers many aspects of the rural landscape in the 18th century, including the architecture and landscape of the English country house and the landed estate. Her *Regions and Designed Landscapes in Georgian England* was published by Routledge in 2015.



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Fees and accommodation

The conference fee is £300, which includes all lectures, field trips and meals (except breakfast).

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How to book your place

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At this special weekend conference, open to all, his inspirations as well as his engineering, hydraulic, architectural and artistic skills will be analysed through his major works.

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Conference programme

Friday 5 August 2016

- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Introduction
- 22:00 Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday 6 August 2016

07:30 Breakfast

- 09:00 A choice of the following lectures:
 - * Northumberland to Stowe
 - * Brown and his artistic legacy
 - * The flowering of the English landscape, with special reference to Chatsworth
 - * A guided walk around Madingley's landscape
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 A choice of the following lectures:
 - * Northumberland to Stowe
 - * Brown and his artistic legacy
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 - * A guided walk around Madingley's landscape
- 12:00 Group question time
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Field trip to Burghley House, including a visit to Fenstanton to see Brown's grave
- 18:30 Dinner
- 20:00 An evening of prose and poetry led by Dr Charles Moseley
- 22:00 Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday 7 August 2016

- 07:30 Breakfast
- 09:00 A choice of the following lectures:
 - * 'Home-brewed rivers with a spade and a watering-pot': Horace Walpole
 - * The genius of place: a regional perspective on the work of Capability Brown
 - * Intellectual gymnastics to formulaic intelligence: Croome Court
 - * A guided walk around Madingley's landscape
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 A choice of the following lectures:
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- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Conference ends

